

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 453
By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. James H.
Daughdrill for 25 years of outstanding service as
President of Rhodes College.

WHEREAS, it is only appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary individuals whose intense dedication and hard work have had a tremendous impact on this great state; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James H. Daughdrill, Jr. is one such remarkable citizen who is most certainly deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 1973, Dr. James Daughdrill became the eighth president of Rhodes College in Memphis, an educational institution that is nationally renowned for excellence; and

WHEREAS, for twenty-five years, Dr. James Daughdrill has been primarily responsible for maintaining and enhancing Rhodes' stalwart reputation as one the nation's top liberal arts colleges; and

WHEREAS, born in LaGrange, Georgia, Dr. Daughdrill attended the McCallie School in Chattanooga, where he graduated cum laude; and

WHEREAS, he attended Davidson College in North Carolina before transferring to Emory University in Atlanta, where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree; and

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WHEREAS, after his graduation from Emory, Dr. Daughdrill began working for the Kingston Mills Company, which he served as president from 1956-64; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who displays an unflagging devotion to the Lord, Dr. James Daughdrill graduated magna cum laude from Columbia Theological Seminary in 1967, receiving his Masters in Divinity; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, Dr. James Daughdrill, Jr. began his ministerial career in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the minister of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, from 1970-73, Dr. Daughdrill served with acuity as Secretary of Stewardship of the Presbyterian Church of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James Daughdrill, Jr. received his Doctor of Divinity degree from Davidson College in 1974; and

WHEREAS, his stellar tenure in education has earned him numerous appointments, even a brief list of which is inspiring: Chairman, Board of Directors, Association of American Colleges and Universities – 1986; Member, Board of Directors, American Council on Education – 1986-90; President, Association of Presbyterian Colleges and Universities – 1984; Board of Directors, Council on Post-Secondary Accreditation – 1987; Member, Accrediting Board, the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business – 1988; Chairman of the Board, Southern College and University Union – 1980; Member, World Business Council – 1984-86; Member, Chief Executive's Organization – 1984-86 and Chairman of the Board, Tennessee Council on Private Colleges – 1977; and

WHEREAS, because of his exceptional expertise in education, Dr. James Daughdrill, Jr. was appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Education to serve as Chairman of the National Advisory Committee on Accreditation in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Daughdrill is the accomplished author of works such as *Man Talk* and *New Directions of Higher Education*; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James Daughdrill, Jr. currently serves with acumen and alacrity as President and Director of the Southern University Conference, as well as being a distinguished member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Independent Colleges; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary educator has been the recipient of several awards and accolades, including *Who's Who in American Education*, *Who's Who in the South*, *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in the World*, the Distinguished National Eagle Scout Award – 1991, “Spirit of Life Humanitarian Award” of the City of Hope – 1984, “Memphis Educator of the Year” – 1982, “Planner of the Year” from the Society of Professional Planners – 1989 and the “Community Service Award” from the Rotary Club of Memphis – 1986; and

WHEREAS, he is also an honorary member of Omicron Delta Kappa and in 1997 was named an honorary member of Kappa Delta Epsilon; and

WHEREAS, despite the intense demands of his profession, Dr. James Daughdrill, Jr. has given generously of himself to numerous civic activities, including serving as a National Trustee of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and service on the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Memphis Partners, and the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Standards for the Memphis Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, he has also served on the Board of Directors of the Hutchison School, the Memphis University School, the Liberty Bowl Football Classic, Memphis Brooks Art Gallery and the Dixon Gallery and Gardens; and

WHEREAS, his countless accomplishments aside, Dr. James Daughdrill, Jr. is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his charming wife, Elizabeth Anne Gay Daughdrill, their three children, James Harold III, Louisa and Elizabeth and their five delightful grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, it is entirely appropriate that the members of this General Assembly recognize the outstanding service that this remarkable gentleman has rendered to our great state, now, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Dr. James Daughdrill, Jr. for his remarkable contributions to his community and to this state, and congratulate him on 25 outstanding years as President of Rhodes College.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.